AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 13, paragraph 2 as follows:

To register the personal data from the client terminal 3 (step S1 in FIG. 2), the authentication server 1 registers, in the database 2, the personal authentication data identifying the client, the settling account for paying the considerations for commodities and services purchased by the client, and the other personal data required for various services provided by the authentication server 1 (step 2 S2 in FIG. 2). Alternatively, if personal authentication data have been sent from the authentication terminal 4 (step S3 in FIG. 2), the authentication server 1 collates the sent data against the personal authentication data registered in the database 2 (step S4 in FIG. 2) to identify the client (step S5 in FIG. 2).